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GOOD, BUT HOW GOOD?

Mr. Arthur Krock, the outstanding political analyist of the New York Times, wrote in that fine paper last Sunday that Mr. Stevenson definitely has a chance to win the Presidency in November, and that the race could be exceedingly close. He cited the reasons causing him to arrive at that opinion, listing the strong points and the weak points in the the prospects of each major party.

Although it is conceded that the Democratic Party has a much better chance than in 1952, it would nevertheless be our opinion that a victory for Stevenson would be an upset. It would seem to us that for Stevenson to win, he would have to add to the solid South the electoral votes of several of the big states, such as New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and California. Reports are that Stevenson may indeed carry Pennsylvania and Michigan. A year ago, it appeared that the Democrats might win a bloc of electoral votes in the big Farm Belt, but the dopsters now question such a result, despite an increase in Democratic popular votes in that area.

All such conjecture has no point other than to serve as background for an appeal for a heavy vote. October 6 is the final day to register in Virginia in order to be eligible. There is considerable apathy, and it is the urging of this newspaper that people do NOT stay away from the polls, but that they use the days between now and November 6 to study the issues, arrive at a decision, and then go to the polls and cast a ballot.

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CIGARETTE, TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

A recent report showed that even though cigarette output has turned upward again, in recent months, the demand for leaf has continued to decline.

This is possible — though many smokers don't know it — because of an increase in the use of filter cigarettes, among other factors. Filter cigarettes are often slightly smaller in diameter than regulars, and often use less tobacco because the length, from the filter to the end of the cigarette, is not quite as long as a regular cigarette.

Cigarette output in the United States reached an all-time high in 1952-53, when 437,000,000,000 were manufactured. The amount of fine-cured leaf used at this time also reached a record in the United States.

In the following two years, a substantial drop in both output and consumption of cigarettes in the United States occurred. In the year ending June 30, 1956, the output of cigarettes proved to be turning upward again, but the total amount of leaf tobacco consumed was continuing to decline.

In the period 1951 through 1956, the acreage of flue-cured tobacco planted has been reduced from 1,210,000 to 880,000 acres. This represents a reduction of about twenty per cent.

In spite of this acreage reduction, tobacco farmers have increased yield per acre and tobacco stocks in this country have, as a result, continued to increase. It is estimated that between 1951 and 1956, stocks increased by 700,000,000 pounds.

One hope for the tobacco grower has been some increase in the export market. But there is scant hope for any increase in acreage allotments.

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WELCOME THE FOX-HUNTERS

It is indeed good news that a group of fox-hunters will converge on Appomattox this month, for bench show and field trials. Fox-hunting was once a major sport here, and many of us recall with pleasure the gatherings of the Piedmont Fox Hunters Association a generation ago. Appomattox will want to extend a hearty to the group coming here this fall, and maybe the sport can once again reach a top place in the hearts of sportsmen.

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TOMORROW IS ALWAYS BETTER

Did you read the other day about the mother who lost both her daughters at the same time when an automobile struck them as they crossed the street, holding hands? Did you read about the young boy who was losing the sight of both eyes in a battle with a deadly disease?

Did you read recently about the man who had spent twenty years in prison, and then was found innocent of a crime he had been convicted of committing? Or, perhaps you have seen the stories recently about prisoners of war who are just returning from Russia, after having spent between ten and fifteen years in slave labor or prisoner-of-war camps.

The point we seek to make is that there are always others far worse off than yourself. Whatever your troubles might be, and they are probably small ones compared to life's real troubles, they could be worse, and you are comparatively fortunate.

In fact, the life we lead is mostly a matter of relativity — as was Einstein's theory of mathematics. If one can adjust his philosophy so that he appreciates the good things around him, and all the gifts and benefits he enjoys, he can become a rich man, regardless of the amount of money he earns or has in the bank.

The greatest item of wealth in this world is a state of mind and tranquillity which allows one to enjoy life and the many blessings he has received. When one has reached this stage of maturity, he is no longer dependent upon artificial or physical riches, and he is thereafter blessed with a happiness and sense of satisfaction that comes only to those who appreciate the many God-given blessings that surround them each day.

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WOOD IS LONG - LASTING

The average person thinks that wood is a temporary substance, certain to decay in the course of time. Experts in the U. S. Forest Service, however, say that such a conclusion is not true.

Time or age, they assert, has nothing to do with the decay of wood. This decay is caused by the attacks of fungus and there will be no decay if wood is kept either thoroughly saturated, or too dry for the fungus to grow.

In fact, the forestry experts point to a frame house, located in Dedham, Massachusetts, which is still solidly intact after three hundred years. They also tell of a log, seven feet in diameter, which was found in a tunnel under the bed of the Yakima River, in the State of Washington. The log was identified by the experts as an extinct species of sequoia, estimated to be at least 12,000,000 years old.

Appomattox land-owners do well to become "tree farmers." Wood will always be in demand and marketable.

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The business expert is usually able to put most of his work on the office help.

Health and Beauty

Cancers of The Skin

You have all seen people with patches of various sizes over their faces. You found out later that they were suffering from skin cancers from which some of them eventually died.

Most of these people at first had neglected sores or rough places on their skin. Instead of consulting trained, intelligent physicians they had gone to quacks, who had likely applied irritating salves or ointments to the lesions, and thus set them on the road to an eating cancer.

At first, such conditions are precancerous and, in the right hands, could be cured with comparative ease. If you have a mole on your person that becomes easily irritated, or a small growth, or a sore spot of any kind that does not heal, go at once to a physician. Remember that procrastination could cost you a lingering death.

Research workers have produced skin cancers on mice by applying irritant substances such as tar, acrid oil, tobacco, and other substances.

Farmers and sailors whose skin is constantly exposed to the sunlight are prone to suffer from skin cancers. The actinic rays of the sun can prove very detrimental to the skins of white people especially blondes. This is because they lack the protective pigment in their skin which is supplied so abundantly to the African race.

It is very stupid and even dangerous to expose the bodies of infants and tender young children to prolonged and direct sunlight. Sunshine in moderation is conducive to health, but the sun-tan fad, carried to extremes can prove very painful and even dangerous when improperly administered.

Watch scars, burns, and sores which do not heal. They are all potential cancers.

200 YEAR OLD TYPE FOUND AT WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg, Va.- More than 12 pounds of type used 200 years ago to set American's oldest weekly newspaper is being readied for use in an exact replica of the paper's first office.

William Parks, Williamsburg printer, published the first issue of the "Williamsburg Gazette" on Friday, August 6, 1736. The Gazette Printing Office will be reconstructed by Colonial Williamsburg, as another historic addition to the restoration of this 18th century city.

Archaelogical research uncovered the 18th century type which will be exhibited in the colonial printing office.

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STATEMENT Required By the Act of August 24, 1912, As Amended by the Acts of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 233) Showing The Ownership, Management, and Circulation of

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5. The average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the 12 months preceding the date shown above was: 1,490.

Calvin H. Robinson,
Publisher.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of Sept., 1956.
(Seal) Rachel F. Lawson.
(My commission expires 3-15-58).

Washington Notes

NET FARM INCOME

Net farm income - a potential key to farm-state voting in the November election—appears likely to be around nine per cent higher for the July - September quarter than last year, according to the Agriculture Department. In a monthly report, the department said the net income this quarter could well attain an annual rate of $12,000,000,000, compared with a rate of $11,000,000,000 during the corresponding period of last year.

RETAIL TRADE

Retail stores report sales running four per cent better than in 1955, when they set a new record of $185,500,000,000, according to Census Bureau reports. For the first six months of 1956, sales of all retailers amounted to $91,400,000,000, or a gain of four per cent over the comparable period in the 1955 boom. The rise was continued into July when sales at $15,500,000,000 were running about 3 per cent ahead of that month in 1955.

"SWEET" MEN

Every year, U. S. men spend more than $250,000,000 on cosmetics and toiletries, most of them shaving products, slightly perfumed—which is almost as much as women spend on "the entire cosmetic market which includes creams, make-up bases, lipsticks, compacts, etc." according to a manufacturer of men's toiletries.

U. S. MERCHANTMEN

The privately - owned American merchant marine on September 1st consisted of 1,07....454 5454545 of 718 dry cargo and passenger-carrying ships of 7,615,786 deadweight tons and 349 tankers of 5,894,259 deadweight tons. The figures were given by the American Merchant Marine Institute.

SOVIET NAVY

In the past ten years, the Soviet Union's Navy has risen from seventh to second place among the world's navies, according to the report of a seven-man team of North Atlantic Treaty Organization experts. The team, headed by Vice Admiral James H. Thach, Jr., U. S. N., also reported that the Red Navy had 25 modern cruisers, 130 -up-to-date destroyers and a fleet of 400 submarines. This fleet is exceeded only by that of the United States.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Over 100,000,000 people in the United States now have some form of health insurance. These are the plans that help to pay hospital and surgical expenses, as well as other medical costs. More than 2,000,000 persons hold what is called "major medical expense" insurance, which goes beyond the usual plan by protecting against heavy medical bills.

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Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Talk about the chores that be done in our gardens ds during October. You will your work now, for the clear days of "October's blue weather" invite you in- eat-of-doors.

ber is the month for plant- ees, shrubs, some perennials, ring - flowering bulbs. And, ers, there are the many and other odd jobs waiting be done. Let's list, in the of importance, (according to reporter) some of the musts October.

Plant your spring bulbs! Although bulbs, plant narcissus, scillas, chionodoxas, snow ickicicums, and other small bulbs, since tulips can be planted up until the ground freezes. Lilies, including the hybrids, can be planted now so the roots may develop before freezing weather.

2. Roses can be planted in the fall in our part of the state. When plants arrive, set in good soil, enriched with organic matter. Spread roots in all directions so that they will come in contact with the loose soil. Water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets.

3. Have a care for your lawn! Feed well established lawns now, if you have not done so already. Add lime only if acidity tests show that the soil needs it. Keep mowing with blade set at 1 1-2 to 2 inches as long as the grass continues to grow. Do not allow leaves to remain on the lawn over winter—plan to compost pile. There still is time to make new lawns, also.

4. Put in trees and shrubs. Most deciduous material may be planted, except thin-barked trees like dogwood, magnolias and birches, and certain shrubs like buddleias, althaeas or vitexes. These need to be planted in spring. But there are many others that are better planted now. Water well, mulch and stake or guy trees.

5. Need more evergreens? Now is the time! Water them thoroughly before the ground freezes. If you don't give them enough water to replace the moisture, foliage will turn brown and drop off. A mulch of leaves or peat moss around the base will help to retain this moisture.

6. Have you begun to dig, and store your summer bulbs? Get them up before the first heavy frost. Dust them with 5% DDT to control thrips. All bulbs will keep better if stored in a cool dry place in sand or peat moss to prevent shriveling.

7. Raking leaves and cleaning off gardens and borders would keep you busy, without the afore-listed musts. Build up the good old compost pile. Use clean leaves as mulch, where needed. Burn diseased annuals, but put those nipped by frost on the pile. Cut back all perennials that have finished blooming, and cultivate the soil so it will absorb moisture from rain and snow. Trim edges and prune hedges and shrubs that need it.

You'll find many, many other jobs waiting for just you—you are the individual with the Technicolored mental picture of spring, 1957. More power to you (and me). We'll need it!

DUEL OVER PENNY

Atlanta, Ga.- An argument over one penny's worth of gasoline started an argument which ended in a wild exchange of shots at a filling station near downtown Atlanta. A 19-year-old Negro, James Cotton, drove his car into the filling station and asked for 40 cents' worth of gas. The attendant, C. D. Dalton, put in 41 cents' worth. Cotton, refusing to pay the extra cent, left the station and returned with a pistol. Dalton fired. Cotton returned the fire. Dalton shot again, and Cotton took to his heels. Both were charged with disorderly conduct.

The Air Force has disclosed the development of a research rocket capable of speeds up to 5,000 miles an hour.

A NEW LAW

Miami, Florida.- Miamians will probably be surprised to learn that it required a new law to prohibit lions from running loose in the city. The City Commission recently passed such a law when a young lioness, named Diana, prompted it. Diane broke loose several times and terrorized her section of town, but had been moved out of the city limits before the law was passed.

Industry chalks up record first half year earnings.

JOE SMITH SHIFTS

Greensboro, N. C.- Although he is not the mythical "Joe Smith" of Republican Party Convention fame, Joe Smith, after being a faithful Republican for 43 years, has become a registered Democrat. His wife, Margaret, also joined the Democratic party. The reason: This Joe Smith didn't like what he termed the "The smug attitude" of the Republicans at the National Convention, as he saw it on television.

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These tax dollars go into the State's general fund and are withdrawn according to need to help pay for various state government programs designed to benefit all of our people. If used for public education, for example, the $3,107,376.66 is sufficient to provide a full year of schooling to 16,458 young Virginians attending the public schools.*

In addition to this state tax, the N&W also pays big tax bills to Virginia cities and counties and to the federal government. Last year's federal income taxes alone amounted to $30½ million, while all taxes amounted to about $44,330,000, more than 21 per cent greater than operating revenues.

The N&W has served Virginia for more than a century, and in addition to this substantial tax contribution for support of state government, the railroad maintains its own right of way.

* Based on a per capita cost of $188.80—the State median for pupils in all grades.

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